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## Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

### Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

#### Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Misstatement in October 1972 Data for Shipments of U.S. Exports by Air to Europe and Asia

The information shown in Table 1 of the October 1972 issue of Report FT986 for Europe and Asia was incorrect. The October figures as originally published should be revised as indicated below:

Value (1,000 dollars)

#### Europe

Reads	3,515,741
S/read	351,574

#### Asia

Reads	43,049
S/read	143,049

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers.)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)				
	Total		North America		U.S. flag carriers	Total	North America	South America	Europe	Asia and Oceania
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.....	96,758	(X)	21,522	12,540	45,197	13,674	1,761	1,518	1,761	1,761
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	32,500	8,081	4,375	13,670	5,497	393	393	393	393
Boston, Mass.....	2,668	1,450	519	1	2,073	14	16	45	16	45
Bridgeport, Conn.....	33	2	1	-	33	1	-	-	33	1
Odenburg, N.Y.....	320	320	320	320	(Z)	1	-	-	277	277
Buffalo, N.Y.....	39,883	11,400	2,325	2,464	28,884	5,020	147	1,042	3,080	2,995
New York City, N.Y.....	726	342	91	140	420	41	9	25	111,354	12,007
Philadelphia, Pa.....	54	54	30	23	30	(Z)	-	-	3	3
Baltimore, Md.....	2	2	2	2	2	(Z)	-	-	201	201
Charleston, S.C.....	23	23	69	59	133	10	5	2	618	469
Savannah, Ga.....	274	232	65	1	(Z)	-	-	-	15	3
Tampa, Fla.....	66	16	65	-	-	-	-	-	15	3
Mobile, Ala.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	3
New Orleans, La.....	411	167	382	28	(Z)	-	-	-	15	3
Laredo, Tex.....	105	57	102	(Z)	-	1	1	400	4	4
El Paso, Tex.....	123	114	123	-	-	-	-	-	996	961
Nogales, Ariz.....	18	9	18	-	(Z)	-	-	-	2,710	81
Los Angeles, Calif.....	5,491	1,836	416	185	1,914	2,573	341	63	2,965	38,357
San Francisco, Calif.....	1,561	208	59	232	2,131	499	7	43	2,536	13,436
Portland, Ore.....	88	48	11	-	18	266	6	4	1,849	27
Seattle, Wash.....	672	448	137	-	238	266	6	4	2,139	6,325
Anchorage, Alaska.....	108	88	11	-	13	83	13	80	55	57
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	159	99	11	-	1	106	52	-	9	1,631
Great Falls, Mont.....	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	186	186	108	-	2	77	-	-	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	1,747	1,346	417	72	1,186	24	11	38	7,150	75
Cleveland, Ohio.....	8,451	4,273	2,083	25	5,034	1,170	122	116	31,658	9,286
St. Louis, Mo.....	47	47	206	1	122	2	1	-	507	5
San Juan, P.R.....	1,452	531	704	742	6	(Z)	-	-	1,213	4
Miami, Fla.....	14,897	6,818	7,356	7,397	116	13	(Z)	15	2,175	70
Houston, Tex.....	1,331	593	402	154	316	343	(Z)	116	2,981	2,692
Washington, D.C.....	1,377	64	1	94	268	10	-	3	7,372	247
All other districts.....	32	30	19	-	(Z)	12	-	-	1	100
Shipments under \$251.....	12,974	(NA)	5,343	1,117	4,061	1,765	414	275	9,094	3,738
Special Category.....	546	202	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)				
	Total					Total					Total				
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania
Total, all carriers...	84,046	(X)	8,536	6,322	42,419	26,100	311	328	511,618	(X)	36,190	14,818	278,897	160,187	2,806
U.S. flag carriers...	(X)	(X)	2,747	3,130	16,078	14,817	111	55	(X)	(X)	247,527	16,076	6,578	90,897	1,332
Boston, Mass.	2,823	1,423	74	44	2,703	98	(Z)	4	16,928	9,250	914	121	13,331	391	2
Bridgeport, Conn.	9	(Z)	2	1	3	5	-	-	37	18	19	-	-	1	1,870
Orleans, N.Y.	217	170	203	-	13	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2,209	2,109	2,107	-	191	3	2
New York City, N.Y.	41,603	16,498	1,145	2,539	29,407	8,265	47	201	263,271	107,378	7,173	9,483	180,376	49,555	646
Philadelphia, Pa.	750	457	35	7	643	46	(Z)	20	5,421	3,054	140	22	4,798	313	32
Portland, Me.	86	84	11	-	72	3	-	-	495	490	39	-	440	16	-
Washington, D.C.	232	229	-	-	232	(Z)	-	-	1,538	1,524	-	-	1,536	2	-
Charleston, S.C.	47	47	(Z)	-	47	-	-	-	8,822	8,813	12	-	8,810	-	-
Savannah, Ga.	67	53	9	5	51	(Z)	1	-	1,413	1,084	360	106	906	3	38
Tampa, Fla.	12	6	5	-	5	2	-	-	80	37	47	-	29	4	-
Mobile, Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.	241	127	187	36	13	1	4	-	224	135	130	33	44	11	6
Laredo, Tex.	96	77	94	-	1	(Z)	-	-	251	83	217	-	31	3	-
El Paso, Tex.	31	26	30	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	350	311	343	-	5	3	-
Noelies, Ariz.	39	34	35	-	4	(Z)	-	-	501	482	485	-	16	(Z)	-
Los Angeles, Calif.	6,982	2,958	308	112	1,155	5,279	124	3	66,240	35,006	6,088	655	25,010	35,463	1,005
San Francisco, Calif.	7,285	5,162	57	18	220	6,938	51	1	52,301	33,231	577	87	2,113	48,656	804
Portland, Ore.	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,151	1,151	1,151	-	1,151	1,151	-
Seattle, Wash.	2,093	1,717	83	-	140	1,865	(Z)	-	11,916	9,480	1,834	-	1,176	8,885	1
Anchorage, Alaska	207	136	2	-	33	171	-	2	1,025	513	22	-	326	667	10
Honolulu, Hawaii	637	159	50	-	23	538	25	-	7,142	1,122	107	-	714	6,663	179
San Diego, Calif.	45	44	44	-	(Z)	-	-	-	107	107	107	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.	389	386	10	-	2	377	(Z)	(Z)	1,607	1,593	148	-	132	1,326	(Z)
Detroit, Mich.	1,415	1,227	350	(Z)	1,042	23	(Z)	(Z)	6,633	5,274	1,296	7	5,363	79	2
Chicago, Ill.	4,028	1,831	356	6	2,622	996	3	43	27,621	12,149	4,263	7	18,421	4,482	26
Cleveland, Ohio	184	40	72	-	83	28	-	-	886	240	394	-	334	156	2
St. Louis, Mo.	31	29	(Z)	2	28	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,501	136	13	-	1	3	-
San Juan, P.R.	2,521	716	1,762	517	241	(Z)	-	1	3,285	945	1,613	511	1,148	7	6
Miami, Fla.	5,791	2,302	2,634	2,911	222	20	2	3	12,273	5,800	5,687	3,631	2,833	93	1
Houston, Tex.	354	144	153	38	95	67	-	1	3,567	580	764	51	1,033	1,677	27
Washington, D.C.	703	647	25	1	665	10	-	1	5,436	4,834	35	-	5,320	45	-
All other districts...	178	176	5	-	173	(Z)	55	46	1,277	1,252	45	-	1,231	1	-
Shipments under \$251...	4,829	(NA)	768	85	2,479	1,365	-	-	5,888	(NA)	937	104	3,023	1,665	57

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